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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: PELLICLE, PHOTOMASK, PELLICLE FRAME, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING PELLICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-25 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-22 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 23-25 have been added. Claim 22 has been withdrawn from prosecution by the Examiner. Claims 1, 14, 19, and 22 are independent.

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